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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

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May 11, 1961

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Director:

Enclosed is a copy of Senate Joint Resolution 77, "To establish a Joint Committee on Foreign Information and Intelligence," which was introduced by Senator McCarthy (for himself and others) on April 27, 1961.

The Committee would appreciate having the comments of the Central Intelligence Agency on this joint resolution.

Sincerely yours,

J. W. Fulbright
Chairman

Enclosure

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87TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. J. RES. 77

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 27, 1961

Mr. McCARTHY (for himself, Mr. ANDERSON, Mr. MORSE, Mr. CLARK, Mr. METCALF, Mr. BURDICK, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. McNAMARA, Mr. HUMPHREY, Mr. CARROLL, Mr. LONG of Missouri, Mr. MOSS, Mr. McGEE, Mr. TALMADGE, Mr. HICKEY, Mr. CASE of South Dakota, Mr. PELL, Mr. PROUTY, Mr. YOUNG of Ohio, Mr. HART, and Mr. WILLIAMS of New Jersey) introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

JOINT RESOLUTION

To establish a Joint Committee on Foreign Information and Intelligence.

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That (a) there is hereby established a joint congressional
- 4 committee to be known as the Joint Committee on Foreign
- 5 Information and Intelligence (referred to in this joint res-
- 6 olution as the "joint committee"), to be composed of seven
- 7 Members of the Senate appointed by the President of the

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1 Senate, and seven Members of the House of Representatives
2 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
3 In each instance not more than four members shall be ap-
4 pointed from the same political party.

5 (b) Vacancies in the membership of the joint com-
6 mittee shall not affect the power of the remaining members
7 to execute the functions of the joint committee, and shall be
8 filled in the same manner as in the case of the original
9 selection.

10 (c) The joint committee shall select a chairman and
11 a vice chairman from among its members at the beginning of
12 each Congress. The vice chairman shall act in the place
13 and stead of the chairman in the absence of the chairman.
14 The chairmanship shall alternate between the Senate and
15 the House of Representatives with each Congress, and the
16 chairman shall be selected by the members of the joint
17 committee from the House entitled to the chairmanship.
18 The vice chairman shall be selected in the same manner as
19 the chairman, except that the vice chairman shall be selected
20 by the members of the joint committee from the House not
21 entitled to the chairmanship.

22 (d) The joint committee may appoint and fix the com-
23 pensation of such experts, consultants, technicians, and cleri-
24 cal and stenographic assistants as it deems necessary and
25 advisable.

1 (e) The joint committee is authorized to utilize the
2 services, information, facilities, and personnel of the execu-
3 tive departments and establishments of the United States.

4 (f) The joint committee is authorized to classify infor-
5 mation originating within the joint committee in accordance
6 with standards used generally by the executive branch of the
7 Federal Government for classifying restricted data or defense
8 information.

9 (g) The joint committee shall keep a complete record
10 of all committee actions, including a record of the votes on
11 any question on which a record vote is demanded. All
12 committee records, data, charts, and files shall be the prop-
13 erty of the joint committee and shall be kept in the offices of
14 the joint committee, or such other places as the joint com-
15 mittee may direct, under such security safeguards as the joint
16 committee shall determine to be in the interest of national
17 security.

18 (h) The joint committee may make such rules respect-
19 ing its organization and procedures as it deems advisable,
20 but no measure or recommendation shall be reported from
21 the joint committee unless a majority of the members thereof
22 assent.

23 SEC. 2. (a) The joint committee shall make continuing
24 studies of—

1 (1) the activities of each information and intelli-
2 gence agency of the United States,

3 (2) the problems relating to the foreign informa-
4 tion and intelligence programs, and

5 (3) the problems relating to the gathering of in-
6 formation and intelligence affecting the national
7 security, and its coordination and utilization by the
8 various departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of
9 the United States.

10 (b) Each information and intelligence agency of the
11 United States shall give to the joint committee such in-
12 formation regarding its activities as the committee may
13 require.

14 (c) As used in this joint resolution, the term "in-
15 formation and intelligence agency of the United States"
16 means the United States Information Agency, the Central
17 Intelligence Agency, and any unit within any of the execu-
18 tive departments or agencies of the United States conduct-
19 ing foreign information or intelligence activities (including
20 any unit within the Departments of State, Defense, Army,
21 Navy, and Air Force, but not including the domestic opera-
22 tion of the Federal Bureau of Investigation).

23 SEC. 3. All bills, resolutions, and other matters in the
24 Senate and House of Representatives relating primarily to
25 any information and intelligence agency of the United States

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By Mr. McCARTHY, Mr. ANDERSON, Mr. MORSE,
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May 16 3 15 PM '61
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OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

Friday - 30 June 1961

1. (Internal Use Only - GLC) I advised [redacted] the status of our report on S. J. Res. 77 (Senator McCarthy's Joint Committee bill) indicating that the Bureau of the Budget appeared favorably disposed toward our position and that we were awaiting further word from the White House. [redacted] appreciated this information and thanked me for the call.

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3. (Internal Use Only - GLC) [redacted] called to advise that Representative Clarence Cannon has been hospitalized at the Bethesda Naval Hospital following a fall at his home. Complete details on Cannon's condition are not available.

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